



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Shively Road SFB		
PROJECT LOCATION	T1N R1E Sec 15, 21, 22, 23, 24 Humboldt B&M	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the construction of a 48 acre Shaded Fuel Break approximately 4 miles long within 50 feet on each side of the Shively Road prism. This project will allow crews to utilize hand tools, weed eaters, chainsaws, and chippers to reduce hazardous fuels with a combination of treatments. Treatments may include; weed whacking, brush removal, limb removal, chipping, lop and scatter, and the removal of small trees. The project will provide approximately 46 homes with increased fire protection and provide residents and fire protection equipment safe egress and ingress along the roadway that connects the rural community of Shively to the 101 corridor. The project area is made up of various brush species as well as several tree species which includes redwood, Douglas-fir, white fir, alder, and tanoak. Debris should not be higher than eighteen inches. The remaining trees should be spaced at a target of fourteen by fourteen foot spacing. The maximum tree diameter for removal is 8 inches. Remaining trees will be limbed to reduce ladder fuels. These fuel management activities will reduce the volume of flammable vegetation allowing the community safer access in the event of wildfire. Hazardous fuel loading and road side starts will be reduced. Site disturbance will be limited to minor modification and removal of low vegetation.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 4 §15301 Existing Facilities, §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Class 1 and Class 4 Categorical Exemptions described in CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Sections 15301, 15304(i)) pertaining to existing structures and minor alterations to land, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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